

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**  
**(English Language Declaration)**

File No. 8960.6815

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **A BUOYANCY COMPENSATOR, UTILITY BACKPACK, TRANSPORT HARNESS OR LIKE GARMENT WITH ADJUSTABLE ONE SIZE COMPONENT FOR USE BY A WIDE RANGE OF INDIVIDUALS**, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/687,889, filed October 13, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/071,583, filed May 1, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,132,142, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/560,329, filed November 17, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,746,542, the specification of which (check one):

[X] is attached hereto  
[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| <u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u> |         | <u>Priority Claimed</u> |     |     |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Number                              | Country | Day/Month/Year          | Yes | No  |
|                                     |         |                         | [ ] | [ ] |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| <u>Serial No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Status</u>               |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 09/687,889        | 10/13/00           | Pending                     |
| 09/071,583        | 05/01/98           | Issued (Pat. No. 6,132,142) |
| 08/560,329        | 11/17/95           | Issued (Pat. No. 5,746,542) |

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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